

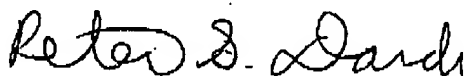
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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 12, 14-21, 48-50, 52-56 and 58-61 are pending. Claims 4, 10 and 57 are canceled without prejudice to place the application in better condition for appeal. Also, minor typographical errors have been fixed in claims 1, 16 and 21.

Applicants note that an Appeal Brief has been filed on the same date as this amendment. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment to place the claims in proper condition for appeal. The Appeal Brief has assumed entry of this amendment. Applicant respectfully notes that amendments that cancel claims are entered as a matter of right. See MPEP 714.13.

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